

## THE MESSAGE

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Bryan for the Presidency, and if it happens that that cannot be, then look out for a movement for Folk.

Folk rooted out the grafters in the police department in Kansas City, and how some of the grafters and hangers-on are kicking.

The Centralia Fair opens next Tuesday and continues four days. Centralia always knows how to have a good fair. The MESSAGE is invited up and we think we'll be there.

Save the manure this summer and fall—save it all the time—and scatter it over your farm land. It's up with commercial fertilizer any time and will cost you no cash.

Judge Fort down at Malden Mo., the other day fined a druggist 3,600 counts and gave him a sentence to jail for 36 months for illicit whisky selling. That's law enforcement for you.

Don't leave your farm machinery in the field this summer where you happened to quit work, there to rust till fall or winter or maybe till next season. It's wastefulness. No careful farmer will do it.

Judge M. Crum, chairman of the soliciting committee for the Mexico, Santa Fe and Perry electric railway, is urging Mexico to come up with her deficiency of \$2,000 on our pledge of \$10,000. Help Mr. Crum raise the money. It must be forthcoming.

The County School Board, composed of Davis, Skobe and Atkins, has a trying task on its hands, in selecting school text books for the country districts of the county. Thirteen oily-tongued book agents, representing as many publishing houses, are arguing and entreating with them. But the Board will do right, as far as right can be done, mind that.

Mexico is raising \$600 this week to build temporary headquarters for the State Poultry Show to be held here in December. In addition to that we are asked to raise the deficiency of \$2,000 on the \$10,000 pledge to secure the Mexico, Santa Fe and Perry Traction Co.'s electric railway. If we wish to become a city we must be willing to pay the price.

The Kansas City police are a pretty lot. They held a business session the other day and it seems there was a falling out among bad men. There was charge and counter charge against each other and finally it came just to the point of pulling guns. Ah, we guess Folk was right in those removals. The Governor is on the clean-up and get-right platform, but the grafters are making a great howl about it.

The Standard Oil Co. was fined \$29,420,000 in Chicago the other day by Judge Landis on the charge of rebating. The Judge said the oil trust crowd is worse than a gang of counterfeiters. Yes, and they send counterfeiters to prison,

too, but they let the members of the oil trust go free. That fine, they'll just proceed to assess that up against the people in higher charges for oil. Ah, the big thieves have matters fixed in their favor all right.

The "Rest Room" at the Mexico court house is a very popular resort for the ladies when they come to town. One hundred and eighty-seven ladies stopped there during July, not counting the calls July 4th and circus day on the 31st.

### NEW LAWS.

#### A Number Take Effect Next Monday.

Jefferson City, Mo., August 6. —The laws enacted at the special session of the General Assembly become operative Monday. Among them are the public utilities bill, better known as the enabling act, which empowers cities to regulate the rates fixed by public utilities companies for their services.

The Humphrey bill, regulating dramshops, is another. This is a rather drastic measure, providing that applications for license must be on a form prepared by the attorney general, so that they will be uniform. The bond a saloon keeper must give is fixed at \$2000, and must be signed by persons qualifying for the full amount above all exemptions. No brewer can hold a license in his own name, but he may become a bondsman. He can not be financially interested in the saloon, and any two tax payers may attack the bond for violations of the dramshop law.

The Cooper bill, directed against derelict officials, provides that when any taxpayer files complaint against either a municipal, township or city official, alleging that he has failed to perform his official duty, the prosecuting attorney shall institute proceedings in the Circuit Court against such official, asking for his removal, and the governor may send the attorney general to aid in such prosecutions. If such a complaint is lodged against a prosecuting attorney, the circuit judge suspends him and appoints a special prosecutor in the case. If directed against a sheriff a special elisor is named to choose the trial jury. Originally the bill vested the governor with the power of removal of derelict officials.

The Pemberton bill, designed to close the saloons at Columbia, and deny their location within five miles of the State University, is another of the special session's laws. There is the Carter bill, which prohibits the selling or giving away of intoxicants on a primary election day, the extension of the fellow servant act to include underground mine-workers, the Dowell bill to put a stop to the sale or storing of liquors in local option counties, and the Kimrey demurrage bill.

### STOCK AND TRANSFERS

W. R. Wisdom of Thompson sold 68 fat hogs at 6 cents.

J. B. Woolery sold 70 head of fat steers last week to Samuel Craighead at \$6.50

Ollie Moore, D. M. McCutchan and H. L. Seabee of near Santa Fe have purchased a new threshing machine outfit.

Jack Brown unloaded 100 head of 1050 pound two year old steers at Rush Hill this week, shipped from Kansas City. Mr. Brown is one of the most successful feeders in the county. He knows how to make stock feeding pay.

S. J. Beadle on the J. A. Thomas farm, northeast of Rush Hill, is feeding 90 steers for market. Mr. Beadle recently built a new barn, one of the best in the county, and he has a self feeder, for 100 head of stock. Mr. Beadle is recently from Illinois and is an up-to-date farmer.

School directors should get Craddock's prices on school seats, maps, charts, black board, cloth, crayon, erasers etc. In fact every thing needed in the school room. He will save you money.

Fresh home killed beef. Lowest prices. SANNEBECK'S.

Edison's Phonographs advance in price \$5.00 Sept. 16th. Buy one now before price advances. Craddock sells them. Cash or time payments.

Mrs. T. C. Freeman and small son of Bloomington, Ill., are the guests of Mrs. Freeman's uncle, Felix Martin.

There will be an ice cream supper at Mt. Zion church Saturday night.

Miss Sylvia Steppelman leaves Thursday to visit her sister, Mrs. Roy Everett, at Warrenton.

### SUED FOR \$29,000.

#### Mexico Man Falls Short In Ice Plant Venture.

The following item is taken from the "Weekly Town Talk," published at Alexandria, La.: The Consumers' Storage and Ice Co., Ltd., through their attorneys, Messrs. Blackman & Overton, on yesterday, instituted suit in the District Court here against George A. Morris, Jr., and the American Bonding Company of Baltimore, Maryland, for the sum of \$29,000 damages.

It seems that George A. Morris, Jr., contracted with the plaintiff company to erect, build, and complete, according to plans and specifications, an ice factory. The bond company guaranteed the faithful performance of Mr. Morris contract. Mr. Morris, it is said, has forfeited the contract, and has abandoned his work. The plaintiff corporation have instituted suit against him and the bond company for the amount of damage they claim they have sustained, and have attached such property as Mr. Morris left in this city, including the building and machinery of the uncompleted plant.

We understand that the present company, or their stockholders, will not complete the plant, and, if Alexandria is to have another ice factory, the building, etc., will have to be purchased and completed by some other company.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hartman, at Thompson, a daughter.

W. B. Dorgan of Twin Falls, Idaho, is a new reader of the MESSAGE.

B. E. Sims, a barber, will move his family here from Hannibal this week.

The revival meeting at Maple Grove, near Rowena, closed last Sunday with about twelve additions to the church.

Rev. Tucker of Troy will conduct a revival meeting at Mt. Zion church, near Molino, beginning the third Sunday in September.

George Bybee, west of Santa Fe, died last Saturday night. He had been ill for some time. He is survived by a wife and six children.

The ladies of the Christian church at Rush Hill will give an ice cream and cake supper at the church next Saturday night. They solicit the patronage of the public.

Mr. Howard Chrismer and Miss Ella May Greeting, both of this county, were united in marriage at the Mexico court house last Monday. Judge W. W. Botts officiating.

A. G. Gass, just west of Mexico, is reported seriously afflicted with a carbuncle on the back of his neck. His daughter of St. Louis, who is a professional nurse, is at his bedside.

The County School Board has been in session all week so far, considering the new text books that shall be adopted for the county for the next five years. The Board will have nothing definite to report, most likely, before Saturday.

At a mass meeting held at the court house Monday night the State Poultry Show matter was considered. It was estimated that a temporary building for the Show would cost about \$600. Mayor Graham as president of the Business Men's Association, has appointed J. B. Moore and T. B. Dumas to raise this subscription. Help these men with a liberal donation.

### YOUR NEIGHBORS.

Harold McPheeters is in St. Louis.

J. W. Brewer and wife are visiting in Texas.

S. B. Hardine and wife are visiting in Illinois.

Latney Barnes arrived last week from Amarilla, Texas.

Mrs. Anna Wright went to Kirksville last week on a visit.

Mrs. C. W. Lewis and daughter are visiting at Harris Springs.

C. H. Schiabe of Del Rio, Texas, is visiting relatives in Mexico.

Miss Melia Rogers of Martinsburg called on the MESSAGE Tuesday.

Miss Mary Garrett is visiting Mrs. Robert Morris at Blytheville, Ark.

Miss Etta Crawford is entertaining Miss Gertrude Allen of St. Louis.

Rev. Powell Drake, located in Texas, is visiting his parents at Santa Fe.

Mrs. J. E. Mandy and Mrs. W. W. Mundy are visiting in Vernon county.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sharp and Mrs. Mary Baker are visiting at Neodesha, Kansas.

Mrs. Gertrude and Goldie Bybee of Molino are visiting friends in Gant neighborhood.

Dr. J. F. Flynt of near Molino is entertaining his mother, Mrs. Flynt, of Hallsville.

Misses Sallie Walker and Ada Crum, south of Mexico, visited in Chillicothe last week.

Mrs. Frank Wheeler of Mexico has returned from a pleasant visit to Kansas City friends.

Mrs. C. T. Jesse and son, Ben, of Thompson, are visiting Mrs. C. L. Bruce at Springfield, Mo.

John A. Stanton, of Shreveport, La., is visiting his sister, near Mexico, Mrs. J. A. Sullivan.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Butts of Vandalia visited the family of L. E. Austin in this city last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. U. Stuart of Molino attended the funeral of a relative at Festus, Mo., this week.

Mrs. Leta Martin Freedman of Roodhouse, Ill., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Felix Martin near Molino.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Walker and son, Robert, from Galveston, Texas, are visiting Mrs. Mary B. Schiabe of this city.

Laddonia Herald:—C. C. Ingram and wife and Mrs. Carrie Wilkins went to Mexico to visit his parents J. M. Ingram and wife.

Dr. Mack Botts of Frisco Hospital, St. Louis, visited his brother, Dr. W. F. Botts, and other relatives in Mexico this week.

Miss Bettie May Considine at Thompson gave a very enjoyable lawn party to a large number of her young friends last Saturday night.

M. H. Melson and wife of Jacksonville, Fla., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Norton Melson of this City. Mr. M. H. Melson was formerly Sheriff of this county.

W. G. Armstrong, located at Wichita, Kansas, is visiting his mother, Mrs. E. F. Armstrong, at Rush Hill. Says old Audrain looks all right to him, but he likes the Sunflower State just a little better.

Miss Edna Gantt at Thompson entertained last Friday night for her friends, who have been visiting her, Miss Maud Douglass of Venice and Miss Ruth Newman of Milwaukee, Wis. A number of Mexico young people were there and all report a highly enjoyable time.

Born, Tuesday of this week, to J. R. Snook and wife, down in Littleby neighborhood, northeast of Mexico, a ten pound son.

To keep my workman busy, will make special low prices on Picture Framing during bal- ances of Aug. We do the best work. Craddock's Book Store.

Craddock carries a full complete line of new, as well as extra good, clean second-hand School Books at lowest prices. You will always find it at Craddock's.

Mr. Fred V. Young and Miss Susana A. Witley, both of St. Louis, the latter formerly residing here, came to Mexico this week and procured a marriage license and then took a C. & A. train east. It is presumed they stopped off at Vandalia and it is likely they are Mr. and Mrs. Young now.

Saloon fight, brought from Rush Hill, in the County Court yesterday. Large number of witnesses here for and against the saloon. There were two issues, one whether the present operators of the saloon had legal license, the saloon having been sold about a month ago, and the other issue, —the temperance people were fighting renewal of license.

Dr. J. B. Hawkins has been "adopted," and he is having as much fun over it as anybody, but it's a case of adoption indeed. Dr. H. C. McFall had an insurance on his (McFall's) life and it came to the point that he could not afford to carry it any longer. Dr. Hawkins takes it up and McFall makes him his heir to receive the insurance money if McFall dies first. Both these men are getting just a little frost in their hair for age.

### Executor's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary upon the estate of Mary N. Mosley, deceased, have been granted the undersigned by the Probate Court of the County of Audrain, bearing date of August 3, 1907. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within one year after the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the time of the publication of this notice they will be forever barred.

S. D. STOCKS, Executor.

### Administratrix's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of W. R. Carter, deceased, have been granted the undersigned by the Probate Court of the County of Audrain, bearing date of July 30, 1907. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within one year after the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the time of the publication of this notice they will be forever barred.

MRS. ZELLA CARTER, Administratrix.

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### NOTICE.

The board of directors of Mexico school district reserves the right to select books for use in the schools of the Mexico school district, as provided in section 3 of the Text-book Law of 1907. It is further ordered that the text books now in use be continued until such time as the board may determine to take further action in regard to them.

J. H. SALLIE, Sec'y. School Board.

### Notice of Annual Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Laddonia Rush Hill and Mexico Union Telephone Co. will be held in Rush Hill the first Monday in September, 1907. All stockholders earnestly requested to be present.

C. H. SNOUP, Pres.

Country Churches should take advantage of Craddock's August clearing sale on Wall Paper. Now is the time to paper. See large advertisement.

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Hung free of charge. To clean up and reduce stock I will until September 1st hang all Wall Paper costing 25 cents per roll and upwards free of charge.

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